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PRESIDENT'S CORNER – PASTOR PETER PEER

The message last Sunday was on the Olivet discourse from Mark 13. I was particularly struck with the warnings that our Lord gave at the end of the discourse. I quote from Luke's account of the Olivet discourse:

> Luke 21:34-36 "But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. 35 For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. 36 Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Notice that He is not speaking to the scribes, the Pharisees, or the Sadducees. He is speaking to His own disciples alone. Mark adds that Jesus concluded by saying, "And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!" The disciples who heard this discourse all passed from this life into the glorious presence of the Lord Jesus without witnessing his return.

We too are His disciples and that "all" extends to all believers of all ages. We must not let our hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and the cares of this life. Notice that He lists the cares of this life along with carousing and drunkenness. The point is that the cares of this life also dull the senses and impair one's spiritual acuity. We must watch and pray two things that go together—watch for his coming and pray for his coming. We must be always alert, always praying, always ready to meet the Lord at any time.

Willcock says, "Those who are his should be free from the tyranny of the present, and should keep themselves from vices and follies that consume those who live only for this world. They should be on their guard against sin, and should pray for heavenly succour to aid their own feeble strength."
We all should be seeking a more intense relationship with the Savior. We should be exerting ourselves to greater heights of spiritual attainment, ever watching, ever praying for our Lord's return.

2025 NATIONAL CGCI CONFERENCE – JULY 2-7 at Marriott Northwest, Dublin, OH

$135.00 per night

You can make reservations online at:

Book your group rate for CGBCI National Conference July 2025
Last Day to Book: Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Or you can call to make reservations at: 800-228-9290
(Be sure to mention the CGBCI National Conference Group Rate)

NOTE: Columbus Marriott Northwest is offering a double room combo (2 rooms attached) for $202 per night. So, if you would like this deal, when you make your reservation, tell them that you are with the CGBCI. Then, after you receive your confirmation number, e-mail Karen Diehl (Karen.Diehl@marriott.com) and tell her that you want the two-room combo. She'll take care of the rest. Ask her for a response confirmation.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES – PASTOR IKE GRAHAM

The 2025 National Conference in Dublin, Ohio on July 4-8 is rapidly approaching! Aren't you excited? I am! Please help us out by doing the following as soon as possible…

- Make your room reservation. Call **800-228-9290** or go online to cgbci.org and make your reservation using the link provided. You *won't* get the Conference rate *after* **June 11th**.
- While you're on the CGBCI website, register for Conference. We need to know, asap, who is planning to eat the buffet Sunday, July 6th, and how many children will be in the Kids' Conference.
- If your church has not yet paid their Conference dues (dues are not delegate fees), please do so asap. Mail your check to Pastor Ike Graham at 2200 Paradise Rd., Orrville, Ohio 44667. Dues are the number of church members times $20 each.
- Below are some details for you:

CONFERENCE EVENTS:

Fourth of July Celebration

Conference begins on Friday July 4th with registration from 1:00 to 3:00. Since conference begins on July 4th we are going to celebrate at Scioto park, 7377 Riverside Dr. in Dublin, Ohio. From there, we will be able to see the Dublin fireworks. Ian McAllister and Jonathan Steiner will be in charge of activities. We will have a food truck coming but you may bring your own food if you wish.

Ladies Luncheon

Attention all ladies! A luncheon will be held for you on Saturday, July 5, at 12:30 pm. Cost is $20.00 (includes tip). You won't want you to miss the fellowship and the testimony of speaker Hannah McAllister. Invitations have been mailed. If you didn't get one contact Linda Peer. Mail your reply and check (payable to Grace Brethren Church) by Friday, June 20 to Linda Peer, 721 Vancouver Drive, Westerville, OH 43081. Phone: 304-283-5136. Email: michjkl@gmail.com

Fellowship Buffet Dinner and Musical Concert

We will have a fellowship meal on Sunday from 5:00 to 6:30. This buffet is supplied by the hotel. The cost including tip is $25.00. Plan to attend. After the buffet we will be having a christian musical concert at 7:00 on Sunday evening brought to us by Niah and Allisha Merrill. Many of you have been to their concerts in the past. This is a special treat. The Sunday offering will be a love offering for the Merrills on Sunday evening.

Conference concludes on Tuesday July 8th at noon.

A one page conference schedule is attached and Conference booklets with a detailed schedule are available. Contact Ike Graham for those at ikeg327@gmail.com.

YOUTH CONFERENCE – PASTOR CHRIS KNIGHT & PASTOR JONATHAN EDWARDS

Time is rolling along. We are getting closer to YCON 2025 with each passing day. If you haven't registered yet, see your pastor for a registration, or visit https://www.cgbci.org/ycon. The deadline for registration is June 1.

DATE: July 4-8, 2025
LOCATION: Columbus Northwest Marriott, 5605 Blazer Parkway, Dublin, OH 43107
CHECK-IN: Friday, July 4 from 1-3pm
PRICING: $100
Please make the checks out to: Conservative Grace Brethren Churches International
Please send your payment to: Pastor Chris Knight, PO Box 58, Listie, PA. 15549
Please contact Pastor Chris Knight at chrisk4christ@gmail.com if you have any questions.

CONFERENCE MUSIC/SPECIAL MUSIC – PASTOR CHRIS KNIGHT

If you would like to serve the Lord by way of special music at conference, please contact Pastor Chris Knight at chrisk4christ@gmail.com . There are several "open spots" on the schedule. Thank you!

BIBLE QUIZZING – PASTOR PHILIP MOELLER

It is always a joy to see how our young people are growing. The 2024-2025 Bible quiz year added the blessing of a new church participating - Trinity GBC! For the final quiz rally on April 26, there were 3 quiz outs for Obie Geiser and Tina Smail (both from Orrville) and 2 quiz outs for Silas McAllister (Trinity). The quiz down was won by Micah McAllister. For the entire year, congratulations go to first place Obie Geiser, second place to Tina Smail, and third place to Micah McAllister. We would love for additional churches to join. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Philip Moeller, 419-631-9720.

NEW TROY GBC – PASTOR BOB MENSINGER

God is continuing to bless here at New Troy. Our attendances and offerings have been holding up well despite our small numbers. My wife Lila had her first chemo treatment and white blood cell booster shot last Thursday and Friday. She is doing ok but her energy levels are down. Please pray that she will get more strength soon.

I am finishing up chapter eleven of Revelation and the series is going very well. We have several in our congregation who need prayer for various ailments.

NATIONAL EVANGELISM TEAM – PASTOR DEL MILLER

Thanks for praying for NET 25. About 75% of the team will gather on a Saturday in May and then again on a Saturday in June for "pre-NET" rehearsal times. Pray that our long-distance members will be able to make good progress individually. We will do what we can to involve them via Facetime when the rest of us gather. Part of the team will be sharing at National Conference on Saturday, July 5, 2025 as part of the PM service. We trust many of you will be there.

Below are names of the team members with those who have adopted them:

Pastor Del and Grace Miller New Troy GBC (MI)
Grace Bolling The Chapel (OH)
Cookie Birkbeck Orrville GBC (OH)
Jethro Geiser Listie GBC (PA)
Charis Kallberg CGBCI Ladies Ministry
Noelle Kallberg Irasburg GBC (VT)
Daron McAllister Calvary GBC (MI)
Micah McAllister Calvary GBC (MI)
Silas McAlister Reading GBC (PA)
Ruth Anna Miller Cornerstone GBC (OH)
Amy Vanderpool Lakeland GBC (IN)

It is our goal to have a schedule for you next month. There will be some opportunities for those of you in OH and TN to see the team. We are less than 2 months away from the official beginning of NET 25! Please join us in praying that all the details fall into place. Some details that we thought were nailed down have recently become in doubt so your prayers are greatly appreciated!

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GRACE FOR LIVING – PASTOR ETHAN KALLBERG

Dear Brethren,

The July, August, and September edition of "Grace for Living" (GFL) is being prepared for publication. Grace for Living is a daily devotional book published quarterly similar to "Our Daily Bread" or "Days of Praise." Written by CGBCI pastors, the goal is to help God's people grow in the grace of our Lord Jesus.

We had an increase in subscriptions by almost 100 books for a total of 353 copies of the last edition. I praise the Lord that our Grace Brethren saints desire to draw closer to the Lord Jesus through these devotional thoughts. A huge thank you to the writers who make it possible.

I continue to look for ways to improve all aspects of producing GFL. A copier with a sorter, folder, and stapler has been rented for the next edition to help streamline the publication and make it more affordable. If you would like to order your free copy you can email me or sign up online with the QR code below.

That online form also has a link to give online financial support for the cost of the books. The books are free but the cost per book is approximately $2.00. If you can help financially, it will help us to continue publishing the books. You can also send checks to the Lamoille Valley Grace Brethren Church at PO Box 1275, Morrisville, VT 05661.

Also, I am looking for nature photographs that I can use for the cover. If you like to take pictures of the beauty of God's creation, please send your submissions to pastorethan@outlook.com for consideration. I can't guarantee that I will use your photo, but I would love to include artistry from our own churches.

For questions, suggestions, or if you would like to help, please email me at the address above. Thank you!

In Christ,

Pastor Ethan Kallberg, Editor of Grace for Living

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